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My dear General,

Reference Army Headquarters letter No 51991/II/AG/PS-8 dated 29 Sep 58 regarding the Battle Honours earned prior to 1939, I forward herewith the following:-

Appendix 'A' - Letter No 26/1/A dated 31 Mar 57 from the Regimental Centre to Army HQ AG's Branch (PS-8). (No reply has been received as yet).

Appendix 'B' - Letter No 35/A dated 5 Nov 58 from the Regimental Centre to Army HQ AG's Branch (PS-8) in reply to their No 51991/II/AG/PS-8 dated 29 Sep 58 - Pre 1939 Battle Honours.

Appendix 'C' - Regimental Battle Honours - Pre 1939 (including 1st Battalion, 5th Battalion and 16th Battalion).

Appendix 'D' - Battle Honours that may be considered repugnant by the higher authorities and those which we desire to retain.

Appendix 'E' - Ba-ttle Honours recommended to be retained.

In para 2(b) of the Centre letter No 26/1/A dated 31 Mar 57 (Appendix 'A') we had asked for permission for retention of "DELHI-1803" and "LUCKNOW" in our Battle Honours. No reply has been received to this letter. I have asked for a reply to the letter in Centre letter No 35/A dated 5 Nov 58 (Appendix 'B'). The 4 GUARDS (1 RAJPUT) in addition to "DELHI 1803" have recommended that "DEIG" and "BHURTPORE" should be retained and have included it in the 10 Battle Honours that they wish to retain. We had also asked for the additional Battle Honours of PUNJAUB and GOOJERAT to be retained. However, as the number of Battle Honours to be retained has been restricted to ten I submit that we only ask for "DELHI 1803" and "LUCKNOW" to be retained. I submit that "BHURTPORE" could

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also be asked for retention but as it has not been included in our letter No 26/1/A dated 31 Mar 57 (Appendix 'A'), I do not know whether it would be correct to do so now.

In Army Headqua-rters letter No 51991/II/AG/PS-8 dated 29 Sep 58 para 1, it states that only earned Battle Honours restricted to ten in number will be submitted by each unit. This would mean that only battalion Battle Honours would be shown on the Colours. Previously it was the custom, I believe, for the earned Battle Honours of a unit to be emblazoned on the Kings Colours and the Regimental Battle Honours to be emblazoned on the Regimental (Battalion) Colours. I submit it is necessary and essential that a battalion should carry both the Regimental and Battalion Battle Honours. In my letter No 35/A dated 5 Nov 58 to Army Headquarters (Appendix 'B') I had submitted that each unit should be permitted to carry a National Flag in addition to the Regimental (Battalion) Colours. If this is permitted then the individual Battle Honours could be emblazoned on the National Colours (Flag) and the Regimental Battle Honours (earned by all battalions) could be emblazoned on the Regimental Colours. If this is not permitted then, I had suggested that in the alternative the Regimental Battle Honours should be shown on the Colours, close around the wreath, and the individual Battle Honours could be shown on the sides of the Colours, ie on the sides of the Regimental Battle Honours.

I apologise for not having asked your advice before submitting this suggestion as the time allowed was inadequate.

In Appendix 'E', I have shown the earned Battle Honours recommended for retention by battalions and also the Regimental Battle Honours which would include all the individual Battle Honours of the battalions if Army Headquarters sanctions the inclusion of both Regimental and Battalion Battle Honours. The Regimental Battle Honours have been restricted to ten and only the more important ones have been submitted. Preference in selecting them have been given to Battles in theatres of operations rather than the theatre of operation itself for example CTESIPHON and DEFENCE OF KUT-AL-AMARA have been shown in preference to the Theatre of Operation - MESOPOTAMIA.

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I shall be grateful for your advice and approval on this subject before the final reply is submitted to Army Headquarters.

With regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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